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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

WE are to-day commencing on the 26th year of our municipal government. Our citizens have with great unanimity chosen me to fill the office of their chief executive. In assuming the office I feel very grateful for the honor conferred upon me by my fellow citizens; and in accepting the situation, I can but feel that there is a great responsibility resting upon me. While abler men than myself have preceded me, and have filled the position with honor to themselves and to the city, it is with extreme diffidence that I at this time present myself before you. Trusting to merit your sympathy and your support, thereby making my duties lighter, I hope we shall be successful in meeting the various necessities of the city in a manner to secure the approbation of all. And, as we commence this new year, let us not be unmindful of the goodness of that kind Providence who has mercifully spared our lives, who has watched over this community and kept it free from serious disaster by fire or flood. And may we look to Him for guidance and strength, to Him who is the giver of all good gifts; so that, in carrying out the best interests of the city, we may be serving Him in spirit and in truth.

FINANCES.

By referring to the reports of the several committees and departments of the city government, which will soon be printed and placed before you, I am enabled to give you some little idea of the state of the finances of the city. As the wants of the city are about the same each year, you can judge somewhat from the reports the amounts needed to be appropriated. It would be well for all to closely examine the reports of the expenditures, in order to be better able to use the funds of the city in a judicious manner. The reports of some departments may show an expenditure the past year which may with propriety be reduced the present; others may need an increase. That, gentlemen, is for you to determine.

LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

Liabilities,	\$23,785 22
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RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes in hands of J. H. Leigh, Treasurer,	1970 52
Cash in hand of J. H. Leigh, Treasurer,	1454 98
Cash in hands of Overseers of the Poor,	185 51
Stock on hand in Liquor Agency,	494 18
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Making,	4105 19
Less further abatements, estimated at	300 00
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	\$3805 19

Which leaves a balance against the city of \$19,980.03. Balance against the city March 1, 1877, \$23,344.89. Showing a decrease of balance since last report of \$3,364.86. The total expenditures for the year were \$28,976.82.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Amount appropriated last year was	\$1600 00
By the report of the overseers there was in their hands at the commencement of the year,	282 10
Received from other sources,	526 10
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Making,	\$2408 20
The expenditures were, for poor on the farm,	1153 07
For poor off the farm,	240 41
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Overseers of	185 51
After paying Superintendent's salary, hospital bills for insane poor, poor of other towns, &c.,	829 21

The past winter has been one of unusual mildness, which has been very favorable for a large class of our poor. Many have been unemployed for a large portion of time. Their expenses have been materially lightened by the saving in fuel, &c. And the infrequency of the severe snow storms which we are accustomed to have in the winter season, has been a blessing to many, who being ill prepared would necessarily suffer from them.

For this reason, too, perhaps, we may account for the small amount expended for poor off the farm. We should carefully consider this matter, and, in making appropriations for this department, bear in mind that "the poor we have always with us," and that it is our christian duty to provide for those who cannot provide for themselves; and in smoothing the pathway to the grave of some aged one, who has been left in his or her declining years with no means of support, we are doing God's service.

The inmates of the almshouse have been kindly cared for,

under the able management of Mr. Allen and his estimable wife. In a recent visit to the farm I found the house and surroundings kept in a neat and pleasant condition; the rooms are light, airy and comfortable. A new furnace supplies warmth to all parts of the house. The inmates appeared cheerful and contented. Many of them are quite aged; several are totally blind, and they are waiting with christian resignation for the time to come, when their trials and sufferings will be over, when they will be called to that better home above, where they will take on a new life, where sickness and sorrow are unknown.

That the farm is conducted in an able and judicious manner you can judge by the report of the committee which appraised stock and produce. Notwithstanding the unfavorableness of the last season for the raising of crops, the showing is good. At the present time there are no paupers on the farm who can be relied on for help to any amount, which of course will necessitate hiring, which will add somewhat to the expenses of management. From a careful examination of expenditures of the overseers the past season, I think the money has been carefully and judiciously spent, and in the expenses incurred by care of transient paupers from other towns, they are to be commended for their promptness in tracing the responsibility to where it belongs and collecting the amounts disbursed. The health of the poor on the farm has been as good as usual; if I am rightly informed, but one death has occurred, that of John S. Mudgett, aged about 60. The business management of this department reflects credit upon those having it in charge.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

The appropriations for highways, sidewalks and gravel was	\$3500 00
And received from other sources as per report of the Street Commissioner,	33 00
Making	3533 00
Of this sum there has been expended for repairs on highways about	\$2038 43
On sidewalks,	600 00
Culverts,	200 00
Snow bills of 1876 and '77,	250 00
The expenditure for gravel which is now on hand, between twelve and thirteen hundred loads, was	381 97
Leaving a small balance unexpended.	

In making appropriations for this department, the judgment of men may differ. Our streets on the hillside, especially Winthrop street, needs constant care and attention, to be kept in good condition. A few hours' rain at times may cause damage which can alone be repaired by days of work in grading, carting gravel, etc. Our streets in general are now in good condition. The south end of Water street, if the suggestion of the last city council is carried into effect, will be graveled, which will be a decided improvement. Our manufacturing interests necessarily are engaged in more than the average of heavy teaming, and require solid roads; and great care should be taken in the means used to make them so, and also in the selection of the right man for commissioner. I know of no very expensive jobs, building culverts, &c., which will have to be attended to this season. The extension of Page and Pleasant streets, as accepted by the city council, will have to be attended to at an early day, the expense of which will not be large, compared with the increased convenience to the public. But in this department we cannot foresee what will be required; a heavy rain may at any time destroy an expensive culvert, or cause the destruction of bridges, to replace which would cost hundreds of dollars; a winter of severe snow storms will increase the cost of breaking roads; other unforeseen accidents might help swell the amount of expenses. A rigid economy should exist, to be ready to meet such emergencies and to keep within the appropriations if possible.

There was built last year about 300 rods of new plank sidewalk; others put in fair condition. In my judgment, the sidewalk between Vaughan brook and the Granite House on Water street is the poorest in the city, in fact, part of the way none would be as good. I would recommend that it be rebuilt with plank, as it would be difficult to get a suitable foundation for concrete or gravel. In my judgment plank would be cheapest and best.

The gravel now on hand, if used properly, will make our streets in excellent condition, and, with small yearly appropriations for gravel, they can be kept so. I think, gentlemen, that the appropriation for this department need not exceed that of last year.

RESERVOIRS.

For reservoirs there was appropriated the sum of \$500. No new reservoir was built the past season, but instead, a 4 inch pipe was connected with the one at the corner of Academy and

Warren streets, running to Middle street, a distance of 32 rods, where was placed a hydrant with two outlets, the flow of water at that point being sufficient to supply the two engines, and by simply connecting leading hose without the use of the engines, an effective stream could be used anywhere on the same or a lower level. The cost of pipe, hydrant and laying the same was about \$460.

The reservoir above referred to was found to be imperfectly built, and quite a little expense was incurred in re-cementing and making it tight. A connection was also made with the main pipe of the Citizens' Water Co., so that if occasion should occur when an unusual draft should be made on the reservoir, we could have the benefit of their reserve at the fountain head. A connection is also had with the water on land of Mr. Currier, whence comes the usual supply. The reservoir at corner of Middle and Winthrop streets has for a great many years been only that in name. In dry times that was dry, in a wet season there was plenty of water. It could not be relied upon at all times. It has been thoroughly repaired and is now full of water, and in case of fire in that vicinity, would be of great use; the expense of repairing was about \$110.

Early last summer a petition was received from a number of citizens on Winthrop hill, by the city council, representing that by a small outlay a dam could be built on the grounds of the Industrial School, whereby a reserve of water could be made, which could be made available for use in case of fire in that unprotected part of the city, and praying that something might be done in the matter. The board of Engineers was instructed to examine the locality, and if feasible, to carry out the wishes of the petitioners, which was done. The authorities of the Industrial School had, by scraping, made a basin, and, at an expense of \$25 by the city, a dam was built which holds several hundred hogsheads of water, which might prove of incalculable benefit if we should be so unfortunate as to have a fire in that vicinity.

The appropriations for this department were somewhat overdrawn; but I think the money wisely spent, as it has gone for something which will be a permanent benefit to the city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

From the report of the chief engineer of the Fire Department, the number of fires the past year was five; being a much less number than the previous years; the aggregate loss being \$5150, fully covered by insurance. Our firemen, have, as of old, proved

themselves to be all that could be required of them. They are always "on hand" when duty calls. Their promptness to respond to an alarm, has many times prevented serious conflagrations. The amount appropriated for this department was \$700. Of this sum \$300 was spent in repairs on the engine house, the tower, which was an unsightly object, has been remodeled, and a new roof surmounted by an elegant vane, adds much to the beauty of what heretofore was offensive to the eye and to good taste. The building has been thoroughly painted and furnished with blinds and is now an ornament to the city. No new hose has been purchased this year, but instead, a stand pipe, from which the engines can draft water, near the foot of Union street, running to below low water mark in the river, being about 22 feet above low water; the whole length of pipe used was 158 feet, which was 4 inch wrought iron pipe coated with coal tar inside and out. The object in view, in erecting this pipe, was to obviate the necessity of going on the river in the winter, thereby saving valuable time and hundreds of feet of hose, and also to have the water supply nearer that unprotected part of the city which lies in the neighborhood of City Hall and Union street. This matter at first was looked upon as an experiment, but has proved a complete success. The whole cost of stand pipe and connections was \$235.78. Less than \$100 has been spent for repairs on apparatus, new hose pipe, supplies, &c., leaving a small balance unexpended.

I would call your attention to the fact that the two engines, hose carriages and fixtures need to be painted, they are now in that respect in a very poor condition. The work, to be done in a first class manner, will cost in the neighborhood of two hundred dollars. I think one or more stand pipes connecting with the river on Water street, would be of great benefit in case of fire in the winter, and would recommend that you give this your careful attention before making the appropriations for this department.

Our facilities for obtaining water for the extinguishing of fires are now very good. We have 7 reservoirs of an average capacity of 300 hogsheads of 100 gallons each, located as follows: Loudon Hill, near residence of James Atkins; North end Second street, near residence of G. W. Choate; A. Sampson & Son's lot, near their factory; corner Winthrop and Middle streets, near residence of J. E. Smith; Winthrop street, near Warren; Summer street, near residence of S. B. Glazier; Academy, corner of Warren; also the pond on Industrial School premises; hy-

drant, corner of Academy and Middle Sts., and stand pipe, foot of Union street. We have two water companies, composed of some of our public spirited citizens, who have brought water into the city for domestic and other purposes. The one from the summit of Winthrop hill, the other from land of Mr. Mooers from not quite so high an elevation. The distribution of this water through the city, among our dwellings, must be considered of a great benefit as a preventive against loss by fire. There are times, of course, when a fire first breaks out that a very little water will prevent serious disaster. A few feet of hose with pipe, to each house, and water could be carried from cellar to roof. We have also in our midst, private fire extinguishing apparatus. The Hallowell M'f'g Co. have a powerful steam pump, which has proved an efficient aid to our firemen in times past. Mr. S. F. Davenport has facilities, at his place of business on Water street, by the use of steam power, to get a stream of water on the surrounding buildings in a very short time, day or night.

The Kennebec Wire Works have a reservoir of a capacity of 500 hogsheads or more, with a pipe leading therefrom to a hydrant near their works. And I might enumerate others, but this is sufficient on this point.

Eight hundred dollars was appropriated for pay of the engine men, based on an estimate of 40 men to each company, at \$10 per year each — this was not all expended. There is connected with the apparatus one Bangor extension ladder. The chief engineer recommends the purchase of a hook and ladder truck and ladders suitable for the department.

POLICE.

The Police department has been ably managed the past year. From the report of the City Marshal we find the whole number of arrests made during the year was 33, of this number 10 were for assault, 11 for drunkenness, selling liquor 2, larceny 2, disturbing peace 2, and 6 for other causes. Thus we see that the use of intoxicating liquors has been, directly or indirectly, the cause of nearly all the arrests made by our police the past year. It is an indisputable fact that the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor is the source of nearly, if not quite all the disorder with which our police have to contend, and in the choosing of men for the work of this department, you should take those who are in sympathy with the laws, and who are willing to do their whole duty without fear or favor

Much has been done by good men and women the past year to keep alive the cause of temperance in our midst. Many men have been reformed, who are now living sober and industrious lives ; the fruits of their toil being enjoyed by wives and children, instead of going to fill the pockets of the rumseller. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our temperance organizations for their efforts in this good cause of reformation.

There have been several cases of seizure and destruction of liquors of which no report has been made. It seems to me that the report of the City Marshal is not complete without such statement.

The care and feeding of tramps has been a source of considerable trouble and expense the past season ; scarcely a night but our police are called upon to furnish lodging for from one to ten of this irresponsible class of persons. I would recommend that the City Marshal keep a record of the number, and as near as possible the names, nationality, age, &c., of persons who are in this way furnished with relief. It would be a matter of interest to know something about this class of our floating population, and might be of some benefit as well. Again, I would say that in this department men should be placed in office who can command respect for themselves, who will be zealous in well doing, and will ever have at heart the execution of the laws and the welfare of the community.

CITY WATCH.

Our City Watch has been maintained at a cost of \$1095. Two men have been employed, and the fact of their having been on duty the whole year, shows that but little fault has been found with them. As far as I know they have given good satisfaction. In addition to their duties of patrolling the streets, they have had the care of the street lamps, lighting, &c. It would not be strange if they should not at all times know what is taking place in all parts of the city, as the late attempts at burglary would show. It is very likely that a burglar, who is in any way a professional, would know very near where the watchmen were before commencing operations.

The watchmen are directly under the supervision of the City Marshal, who is by virtue of his office captain of the night watch ; and they should report to him all cases of disturbance, drunkenness, suspicious circumstances, &c. Their position is one of great responsibility, and none but sober, faithful men should be appointed.

SUITS AT LAW.

The City Solicitor reports but one suit against the city, which is now pending — Alden Sprague et als. vs. city, for money held by the city for which they claim they hold an order. As one other order was given for the same money, the suit is brought to determine the rightful party to whom the money should be paid.

CEMETERY.

The number of deaths in the city as reported by the Undertaker, between Feb. 26, 1877, and Feb. 20, 1878, was 55 — 24 males, 31 females. The average age a fraction over 35 years.

Carried to other places for burial, 25. Brought to this city for burial, 12. Total number of interments, 42.

Number of deaths, about the average for the past seven years.

The superintendent of burial grounds reports that the cemetery is in good condition. The expenses have been rather more than usual on account of making new lots, enclosing a portion of the recent purchase, &c.

A new receiving tomb has been built at a cost of \$840. The contractor, Mr. Charles Wilson of this city, deserves the thanks of the community for the faithful and thorough manner in which the work was done.

Some move has been made in regard to making a map or plan of the cemetery, so that the location of all graves can be determined and the names of persons, so far as is now known, will be preserved. In this manner the knowledge which our able superintendent now has in the matter can be handed down to his successor and the coming generations.

An association has been formed in this city which has for its object, the improvement, adornment and care of the cemetery. A harmony of action between them and the proper authorities of the city is necessary for the interests of all.

SCHOOLS.

The amount appropriated for the support of schools was	\$3000 00
Received from State Treasurer,	1515 37
Appropriated for Free High School,	500 00
Received from State Treasury for Free High School,	500 00
Received from town of Farmingdale,	50 56
Making	<hr/> \$5565 93
There was expended as per the report of the Super-	
intending School Committee,	\$5215 00
Of this sum there was paid to the Hallowell Classical	
and Scientific Institute,	1200 00
Salaries of Teachers for the three terms,	3183 00
	<hr/> \$4383 00
Amount spent for fuel, furnishings, salaries of com-	
mittee, and other necessary expenses,	\$832 00

Whole number of scholars attending school for the year, 669, average attendance of scholars has been 453, while the census taken, shows number of scholars in the city to be 917, 460 females, 457 males. Various causes may make the absence of so many a necessity; but after making due allowance, it would seem that many are neglecting their opportunities and are growing up in ignorance.

Our schools have been conducted satisfactorily. The teachers as a general thing have gained the love of their scholars, and in their zeal and devotion to their calling, have merited the esteem of parents and citizens.

The school rooms of the city are not all of them what they should be; some of the buildings are unfit by location and other ways, for school purposes. Your school committee have year after year recommended the erection of a school building in some central portion of the city, to accommodate two or more schools. The purchase of a suitable lot and the erection of such a building would be no small expense. I trust that this matter will receive careful thought, and, if in your judgment the time has arrived to make a move in this direction, early action is necessary.

If a contract is made the present year with the trustees of the Classical Institute for the education of our high school scholars, I trust there will be no misunderstanding as regards the rights and duties of either party. By referring to the State laws differences of opinion might be at once reconciled, thus saving unpleasant feelings and oftentimes trouble. For details of this department I would refer you to the statistical report of the committee, which will soon be printed.

CONCLUSION.

I have thus briefly brought to your attention some of the matters upon which you will be called upon to act. In appropriating the funds of the city, let the same rigid economy and carefulness be used, that you would pursue in your own business transactions. And let the men who have the disbursement of the public money be subject to the same oversight as would be expected in any private enterprise. And, in all our relations with each other, whether in the making or the execution of laws, let us work in harmony, having the best interests of our city in view at all times. And at the end of the year, may we have the satisfaction of feeling that our duty to our fellow citizens has been well done, and that their commendation will be a sufficient reward for our efforts for the welfare of the city; and may that God who has ever watched over and blessed us, continue to be our guide and our protector.

March 11, 1878.

GEORGE S. FULLER.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the City Council:—

IN conformity to the requirements of the City Ordinances we hereby submit the annexed Report, showing the doings of the Financial Department of the City Government for the year ending March 1, 1878.

APPROPRIATIONS IN 1877 TO BE RAISED BY TAX.

For City Debt,	\$3000 00
“ Interest on City Debt,	1600 00
“ Support of Schools,	3000 00
“ “ Free High School,	500 00
“ “ Poor,	1600 00
“ Repairs of Highways and Sidewalks,	3000 00
“ Hauling Gravel,	500 00
“ Salaries,	1400 00
“ Engine Men,	800 00
“ Fire Department,	700 00
“ City Watch,	1100 00
“ Discount on Taxes,	2700 00
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	1800 00
“ Reservoirs,	500 00
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	22,200 00
To which add	
“ State Tax,	3672 41
“ County Tax,	2099 63
“ Overlayings,	1224 98
“ Supplemental Tax.	302 13
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	\$29,499 15

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

CITY DEBT.

Appropriation by tax,	\$3000 00	
Temporary Loan,	1000 00	
Transferred from Overlayings,	365 00	
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Paid City Debt, due in 1877,	2000 00	
“ Temporary Loan, due July 15, 1877,	2365 00	
	<hr/>	4365 00

INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.

Appropriation by tax,	\$1600 00	
Transferred from appropriation for gravel,	2 61	
	<hr/>	1602 61
Paid interest on 5 per cent. Loan,	\$87 50	
“ “ 6 “ “	225 00	
“ “ 6 “ Bridge loan,	360 00	
“ “ 7 “ Loan,	682 50	
“ “ on Notes,	210 00	
“ Discount on temporary loan,	37 61	
	<hr/>	1602 61

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by tax,	\$3000 00	
Received of State Treasurer,	1515 37	
Appropriated for Free High School,	500 00	
Received of State for Free High School	500 00	
“ of town of Farmingdale,	50 56	
	<hr/>	5565 93
Expenditures as per S. S. Committee Report, \$4215 30		
“ for Free High School,	1000 00	
Transferred to Miscellaneous,	350 63	
	<hr/>	5565 93

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation by tax,	\$1600 00	
Cash in hands of Overseers, Feb. 10, 1877,	282 10	
Receipts from other sources, as per Report,	526 10	
	<hr/>	2408 20
Expenditures as per Report,	\$2222 69	
Cash in hands of John Graves, Chairman,	185 51	
	<hr/>	2408 20

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND GRAVEL.

Appropriation by tax,	\$3500 00	
Received from other sources, as per Report,	33 00	
	<hr/>	3533 00
Expenditures. as per Report,	\$2680 93	
“ for gravel now on hand	381 97	
163 days' services as Street Commissioner,	407 50	
Transferred to other appropriations,	62 60	
		3533 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation by tax,		\$700 00
Paid James I. Plummer, for hose pipe,	\$ 6 00	
“ S. Currier & Son, for wood,	7 25	
“ for Engineer's Badges,	11 25	
“ J. P. Wyman, for blinds,	25 89	
“ R. M. Whitney, repairs to Engine House,	125 00	
“ W. R. Ballard for paint, &c.,	35 28	
“ American Tool and Machine Co.'s bill,	40 00	
“ Pipe, and laying the same from the river to Water Street,	235 78	
“ C. E. Fuller's bill, for wood,	7 50	
“ John Young, labor on Engines,	21 00	
“ for hauling engines to fire,	1 50	
“ J. C. McClure, for trucking,	1 25	
“ Church & Robinson's bill, for sundries,	4 03	
“ A. C. Currier,	10 00	
“ W. A. R. Dalton, for setting casks in river,	3 00	
“ Day & Co.'s bill, for sundries,	1 25	
“ George Fuller's bill, for repairs,	15 32	
“ C. E. Fuller, sundry bills for repairs on engine house,	59 59	
“ James Atkins, Jr., bill for sundries,	15 71	
Transferred to Reservoirs,	73 40	
		<hr/> 700 00

CITY WATCH.

Appropriation by tax,		\$1100 00
Paid A. K. Lord, for watching 19 nights,	\$28 50	
“ L. Chamberlain, for watching 19 nights,	28 50	
“ John Kean, Jr., watching 346 nights,	519 00	
“ E. M. Henderson “ “ “	519 00	
“ Transferred to Miscellaneous,	5 00	
		<hr/> 1100 00

ENGINE MEN.

Appropriation by tax,		\$800 00
Paid Tiger Engine Company,	398 33	
“ Torrent “ “	331 19	
Transferred to other appropriations,	70 48	
		<hr/> 800 00

RESERVOIRS.

Appropriation by tax,	\$500 00
Transferred from Fire Department,	73 40
Transferred from Engine men,	52 25
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	625 65

Paid for Pipe and Hydrant on Acad. St., about	440 65
“ repairs to reservoir on Warren St., about	50 00
“ “ “ Middle St., “	110 00
“ building Dam on Winthrop St.,	25 00
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	625 65

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriation by tax,	\$2700 00
Discount on \$26,898.45 at 10 per cent.,	2689 85
Transferred to Miscellaneous,	10 15
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	2700 00

SALARIES.

Appropriation by tax,	\$1400 00
Paid salary of Mayor,	100 00
“ “ Municipal Judge,	100 00
“ “ City Clerk,	50 00
“ “ Clerk of Common Council,	25 00
“ “ Chief Engineer,	25 00
“ “ City Marshal,	100 00
“ “ Overseers of Poor,	100 00
“ “ City Physician,	50 00
“ “ City Solicitor,	50 00
“ Compensation of Assessors,	235 00
“ “ of Wardens and Clerks of Wards,	30 00
“ “ of Treasurer and Collector,	438 63
Transferred to Miscellaneous,	96 37
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	1400 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriated by tax,	\$1800 00
Transferred from other appropriations,	540 37
“ “ Overlayings,	345 43
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	\$2685 80

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.—(Continued.)

Paid W. S. Kenney, lighting street lamps,	11 35
“ J. S. Longfellow, for wood, . . .	22 50
“ David Wilbur, sawing wood, . . .	3 85
“ Isaac Meader, bill, . . .	80
“ Lee & Blake, painting lamp-posts,	1 75
“ G. C. McCausland, labor, . . .	2 75
“ C. E. Adams, globes for street lamps,	14 40
“ W. S. Kenney, labor, . . .	1 05
“ Globe Gas Light Co., lamps, &c., .	16 25
“ Masters & Livermore, printing, .	102 00
“ H. M. Atherton, surveying Granville St.,	6 00
“ Sprague, Owen & Nash, printing, .	5 00
“ M. W. Farr, insurance on school-houses,	114 00
“ A. H. Davis, freight bill, . . .	1 32
“ B. H. Blake, painting and glazing, .	12 65
“ G. C. McCausland, book-case and desk for city rooms, . . .	29 38
“ Masters & Livermore, printing, .	19 00
“ E. G. Dole, repairs on city clock, .	1 00
“ Repairs on school-houses, . . .	248 48
“ Dole Bros., seats and desks for school-houses,	40 00
“ Hallowell Gas Light Co., . . .	465 80
“ M. C. R. R. freight bills, . . .	4 69
“ Town of Chelsea, taxes, . . .	5 17
“ Globe Gas Light Co., naptha, . . .	46 67
“ A. D. Niles, teams for Co. Commissioners,	.5 00
“ W. C. Greenleaf, team for Co. Commissioners,	1 50
“ Freight bills, . . .	1 78
“ G. C. McCausland, repairs on City Hall,	6 41
“ George Fuller, new lamp-post, . .	8 65
“ John Young, analyzing ale, . . .	2 75
“ John McClure, trucking, . . .	5 05
“ W. A. R. Dalton, services as ferryman,	65 16
“ W. P. Atherton, surveying, . . .	2 50
“ Church & Robinson, bill for sundries,	10 01
“ John Young, care of city rooms, .	35 00
“ W. S. Kendall, services at fire, Jan. 3, '78,	1 50
“ James Atkins, Jr., repairs on stoves,	2 00
“ Day & Co., bill for sundries, . . .	4 40
“ A. H. Davis, stationery and printing,	3 38

Carried over

1330 95

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.—(Continued.)

Amount brought over,	\$1330 95	
" Town of Manchester, taxes, . . .	12 90	
" Compensation of Police, . . .	45 00	
" Thomas Hovey, ringing bell, . . .	50 00	
" W. S. Kenney, care of city clock, . .	25 00	
" Repairs on street lamps, . . .	50 51	
" Ariel Wall, bill,	7 00	
" G. S. Johnson, Decoration services,	42 42	
" Samuel Currier, sprinkling streets, .	150 00	
" Charles Wilson, building tomb, . .	880 00	
" H. K. Baker, damages Thomas Hovey,	50 00	
" John S. Snow,	6 02	
Extra police, July 3d and 4th, . . .	36 00	
	<hr/>	2685 80

CITY AGENCY.

Amount of stock on hand March 1, 1877,	\$365 11	
" purchased during the year, . . .	905 57	
Profits,	203 42	
	<hr/>	1474 10
Stock on hand March 1, 1878, . . .	494 18	
Cash paid City Treasurer,	979 92	
	<hr/>	1474 10

STATE PENSIONS.

Received of State Treasurer,	\$288 00	
Paid John Tomony,	96 00	
" Caroline M. Richards,	24 00	
" Darius W. Sylvester,	48 00	
" Betsey S. Billington,	36 00	
" Sophia J. Simmons,	36 00	
" Julia A. Dillingham,	48 00	
	<hr/>	288 00

CEMETERY.

Receipts for lots sold,	\$250 00	
Cash unexpended in hands of Superintendent,		
March 1, 1877,	129 00	
Due Superintendent,	185 00	
	<hr/>	564 00
Expenditures as per report to March 1, 1878,	414 00	
Paid for painting and varnishing hearses,	25 00	
" " Lots returned,	25 00	
	<hr/>	564 00

RECAPITULATION.

MEANS FOR THE YEAR.

Appropriation by tax,	\$22,200 00
Overlayings in assessment of taxes,	1224 98
Supplemental taxes collected,	302 13
Temporary loans authorized by City Council,	1165 22
State Treasurer for High School,	500 00
“ for Schools,	1515 37
Town of Farmingdale, tuition,	50 56
Receipts for Stock, &c., as per Overseer's Report,	526 10
“ from Burial Lots,	250 00
City Agency,	979 92
Interest on taxes,	41 84
State Treasurer, for pensions,	288 00
Rent of City Hall and basement,	87 50
Tax on Dogs,	75 00
Rent of old Engine house,	12 00
Bal. in hands of Overseers of Poor, Feb 10, '77,	282 10
Taxes of 1875 and '76 collected,	1780 48
Licenses for Billiard halls,	30 00
City Marshal, for fines,	2 00
Cash of John S. Snow, Treas. of 1873,	300 00
Grass on Muster Field,	16 00
For casks sold,	12 00
State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	9 59
	<hr/> 31,650 79

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Payments on City Debt,	\$2000 00
Temporary Loans,	2365 00
Interest on City Debt and tem. loan,	1602 10
Support of Schools,	5215 30
Support of Poor,	2222 69
Repairs of highways and hauling gravel,	3470 40
Salaries,	1303 63
Engine men,	729 52
Fire Department,	626 60
City Watch,	1095 00
Discount on taxes,	2689 85
Reservoirs,	625 65
Supplies for City Agency,	905 57
Carried over,	<hr/> 24,851 31

EXPENDITURES. — (*Continued.*)

Amount brought over,	\$24,851 31	
Taxes abated,	587 71	
State Pensions,	288 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	2685 80	
On Cemetery,	564 00	
	<hr/>	28,976 82

LIABILITIES.

City loan at 5 per cent.,	1500 00	
“ “ 6 per cent.	3500 00	
“ “ 7 per cent.,	9000 00	
Bridge loan, at 6 per cent.	5500 00	
City loan, 1877, Muster Field,	3500 00	
Temporary Loan,	600 22	
Due Superintendent Burial Ground,	185 00	
	<hr/>	23,785 22

RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes in hands of J. H. Leigh, '77, \$1970 52		
Cash in hands of J. H. Leigh,	1454 98	
“ “ Overseers of Poor,	185 51	
Stock at City Agency,	494 18	
	<hr/>	4105 19
Less further abatements, estimated		300 00
		<hr/>
		3805 19

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Balance against the city March 1, 1877,	\$23,344 89
“ “ “ “ 1, 1878,	19,980 03
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Decrease of balance since last report,	3364 86

Your Committee find, upon examination, the accounts and books of the respective departments of the city government to be correct and properly avouched for. They also show a comparative decrease of balance against the city from March 1, 1877 to March 1, 1878, of \$3364.86. The committee would call attention to the large overlaying in Miscellaneous Expenses, from the fact that \$880 was expended in construction of the new tomb for which no appropriation had been made.

CHAS. E. FULLER, } Committee on
S. B. GLAZIER, } Finance.

March, 1878.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURERS' ACCOUNTS.

JAMES H. LEIGH, *Treasurer*, 1877.

Dr.

Balance in Treasury,	\$275 48
Uncollected taxes of 1875,	348 94
“ “ 1876,	1786 76
Interest on taxes of 1875,	13 15
“ “ 1876,	28 69
State, County and City taxes committed for collection,	29,197 02
Supplemental taxes collected,	302 13
Cash received of State Treasurer for Schools,	1515 37
“ “ “ “ High School,	500 00
“ “ “ “ Pensions,	288 00
Town of Farmingdale, schools,	50 80
Rent of City Hall and Basement,	87 50
Cash of City Clerk, dog tax,	75 00
Rent of Engine House,	12 00
License of Billiard Halls,	30 00
Temporary loan at Northern National Bank,	1000 00
Ira Cass, casks sold,	2 01
Globe Gas Co., “	12 00
State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	9 59
City Marshal, fine for fast driving,	2 00
J. W. Clarke, grass sold, (Muster Field,)	16 00
Broken Globe, (City Marshal,)	1 50
Temporary loan of Centennial Burial Ground Association,	165 22
Cash of John S. Snow, Treasurer, 1873,	300 00
“ Liquor Agent,	979 92
	<hr/> \$36,999 08

Cr.

Mayor's warrants,	\$24,516 98
Paid order from Mayor, order from dog tax,	7 00
Abatement of taxes, 1875,	75 85
“ “ 1876,	279 37
“ “ 1877,	232 49
Discount on taxes, 26,898.45, 10 per cent.	2689 85
Paid State tax,	3672 41
“ County taxes,	2099 63
Uncollected taxes of 1877,	1970 52
Cash balance due the city,	1454 98
	<hr/> \$36,999 08

JAMES H. LEIGH, *Treasurer*.

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City Hall and Lot.

Two Engine Houses, on City Hall Lot.

Brick Building for Engine House, purchased in 1869.

Tiger Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage.

Torrent Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage.

One Extension Ladder.

Two Hearses.

City Farm, about 75 acres, with house, barn, house for the insane,
and other buildings thereon.

Wood-lot, about 20 acres, purchased with the farm.

Wood-lot, about 25 acres, purchased in 1854.

93 acres, (Mathews Farm,) purchased in 1870.

Stock and farming utensils, as per schedule of Overseers of the Poor.

Highway tools, as per Street Commissioners' schedule.

Powder House.

Burial Ground, about seven acres.

“ “ extension, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres, purchased 1869

“ “ “ “ 17 “ “ 1876

Gravel lot in Chelsea,

Furniture and fixtures in city hall and rooms

Two Safes for city records

Interest in Bell, \$500.

Seven Reservoirs.

Twenty-five Street Lamps

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Receipts and Expenditures from Feb. 10, 1877, to Feb. 10, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of overseers, Feb. 10, 1877,	\$282 10	
Cash received for produce sold,	234 70	
“ “ of other towns,	93 83	
“ “ for Oxen,	130 00	
“ “ “ Horse,	35 00	
“ “ of State, for support of Bridget O'Hare,	32 57	
“ “ on Mayor's Warrants,	1,600 00	
		2408 20

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Poor off the Farm,	\$240 41	
“ “ of other towns,	93 83	
“ for Horse,	125 00	
“ Insane Asylum, for Insane Poor,	243 33	
“ for Vagrants,	17 05	
“ Salary of Superintendent to Feb. 10, '78,	350 00	
“ for Poor on the Farm,	1,153 07	
Cash in hands of Overseers,	185 51	
		2408 20

During the past year we have put a new furnace into the house at the farm, and painted the buildings, at a cost of about two hundred dollars (\$200.)

JOHN GRAVES,
JOHN H. LOWELL,
A. D. NILES. } *Overseers
of
Poor.*

Hallowell, Feb. 12, 1878.

LIST OF PERSONS SUPPORTED AT CITY FARM, YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1878.

Ages.	Names.	Days.	Ages.	Names.	Days
73	James Mathews,	365	43	Elizabeth Cotton,	75
78	William Partridge,	365	66	Jane Harvey,	365
80	Samuel Ward,	365	66	Margarett Burns,	365
38	John Knowles,	365	60	Ann Roach,	300
66	John Mudgett, deceased,	300	83	Sally Partridge,	365
77	Maria Davis,	365		Sarah Davis,	30
47	Frances Hovey,	365		John Fitzgerald,	30
80	Mary Hovey,	365		Amasa Osmore,	8
17	Lizzie Roach,	365			

APPRAISAL OF STOCK AND PRODUCE AT CITY FARM.

To the City Council :

The Committee appointed to appraise the stock, produce, and other property at the City Farm, have attended to that duty and beg leave to report, as follows : —

21 Tons Hay, at \$17,	.	.	.	\$357 00
2 Oxen,	.	.	.	130 00
7 Cows, \$35,	.	.	.	245 00
1 Calf,	.	.	.	10 00
1 Horse,	.	.	.	150 00
6 Shoats, \$12,	.	.	.	72 00
25 Hens,	.	.	.	12 00
32 cords Manure in barn, \$5,	.	.	.	160 00
8 " " " field,	.	.	.	40 00
40 " Muck,	.	.	.	20 00
1 ton Straw,	.	.	.	10 00
2½ bushels Beans, \$2,25,	.	.	.	5 62
4 " Oats, 50c.,	.	.	.	2 00
15 " Barley, 75c.,	.	.	.	11 25
2 " Peas, \$1,	.	.	.	2 00
19 cords Green Wood, \$5,	.	.	.	95 00
2 " Dry " \$6,	.	.	.	12 00
5½ tons Coal, \$6,	.	.	.	33 00
115 bushels Potatoes, 40c.,	.	.	.	46 00
3 " Beets, 60c.,	.	.	.	1 80
10 " Turnips, 50c.,	.	.	.	5 00
Tongues and Sounds,	.	.	.	2 00
3½ bbls. salt Pork, \$16,	.	.	.	56 00
175 lbs. salt Beef, 8c.,	.	.	.	14 00
125 " Ham, 10c.,	.	.	.	12 50
20 Galls. Molasses, 55c.,	.	.	.	11 00
½ bbl. Soap,	.	.	.	2 00
63 lbs. Lard, 10c.,	.	.	.	6 30
6 " Butter, 25c.,	.	.	.	1 50
30 " fresh Beef, 10c.,	.	.	.	3 00
150 " salt Fish, 7c.,	.	.	.	10 50

Amount carried over,

1538 47

Amount brought forward,	1538 47
3 bbls. Flour, \$7,75,	23 25
12 lbs. Saleratus, 10c.,	1 20
1 box Salt,	35
16 lbs. Tea, 35c.,	5 60
3 bushels seed corn,	3 00
Lot small stores,	4 00
Total,	\$1575 87
Respectfully submitted,	

GEORGE S. FULLER, }
 G. C. McCAUSLAND, } *Committee.*
 B. D. WOOD, }
 L. C. JONES. }

March, 1878.

-SCHEDULE OF TOOLS AND FURNITURE AT CITY FARM.

TOOLS. — 2 ox carts, 3 plows, 2 harrows, 2 ox yokes, with bows, staples and rings, 6 ox chains, 2 wood sleds, 1 wagon, 1 pung, 1 harness, 2 shovels, 5 hoes, 3 forks, 3 scythes and snaiths, 1 garden rake, 2 axes, 1 tackle and fall, 15 tie-up chains, 1 horse rake, 4 hand rakes, 4 drag rakes, 1 wrench, 1 hay cutter, 2 crowbars, 1 clawbar, 3 augers, 2 woodsaws, 1 handsaw, 1 square, 1 grindstone, 4 bitts, 2 pair steel-yards, 1 hammer, 1 spade, 1 cultivator, 2 hay racks, 1 pick, 2 mowing machines, 1 horse hoe, 4 hay forks.

FURNITURE. — 4 tables, 30 chairs, 12 iron and two wooden bedsteads and bedding, 1 clock, 4 flatirons, 1 churn, 3 wash tubs, 4 pails, 1 creamer, 20 milk pans, 6 basins, 5 jars, 1 jug, 8 stands, 5 bowls, 16 cups and saucers, 2 pudding dishes, 31 plates, 2 pitchers, 3 stoves, 1 shovel, 1 ladle, 1 coal hod, 2 milk cans, 4 meat barrels, 1 soap barrel, 3 lounges, 2 washboards, 3 lamps, 2 lanterns, 1 culender, 1 strainer, 1 rubber sheet, 1 sick chair.

DANIEL ALLEN, *Superintendent.*

CITY AGENCY.

ACCOUNT OF LIQUORS AT CITY AGENCY, MARCH 1, 1878.

80	Galls. Rum, \$1,75,	.	.	.	\$140 00
28	" Whiskey, \$3,75,	.	.	.	105 00
34	" Alcohol, \$2,30,	.	.	.	78 20
5	" Gin, \$3,50,	.	.	.	17 50
6	" Cherry Brandy, \$4,25,	.	.	.	25 50
6	" Cog. " \$8,60,	.	.	.	51 60
2	" St. Croix Rum, \$4,60,	.	.	.	9 20
3½	" Port Wine, \$4,28,	.	.	.	14 98
2	" Sherry Wine, \$2,50,	.	.	.	5 00
5	Doz. London Porter, \$3,50,	.	.	.	17 50
6	" Scotch Ale, \$2,35,	.	.	.	14 10
2	Empty Barrels,	.	.	.	12 00
4	Demijohns,	.	.	.	2 00
4	Jugs,	.	.	.	1 60
					494 18

Measures and Tools as usual.

CHAS. E. FULLER, *Committee.*

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

To the City Council of Hallowell:—

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor. At the commencement of my term of office, the city was free from litigated cases in Court, and there has been only one action commenced against the city during the past year, which is now pending in the S. J. Court, Alden Sprague & als. vs. City of Hallowell.

No actions were commenced by the city, only to enforce the collection of taxes, all of which were promptly settled.

There have been several hearings on petitions to discontinue and lay out highways, which were of important interest to the city.

In May, 1876, some of the citizens of Augusta, petitioned the County Commissioners to discontinue the extension of Sewall street, in Augusta, to the Hallowell line, as formerly laid out by the County Commissioners, Hallowell having previously built that portion of the County way which was laid out in Hallowell.

I was directed by the City Council, to appear at the hearing on the petition before the Commissioners, to oppose the discontinuance, and, after a protracted hearing, the Commissioners refused to discontinue the way as prayed for. Wm. P. Whitehouse appearing for the petitioners.

Then the same petitioners petitioned the County Commissioners to lay out a County way across Vaughan Brook, in Hallowell, through the Vaughan estate. After a two days hearing, the petition was denied. I appearing in behalf of Hallowell, to oppose the laying out. D. C. Robinson, for Mr. Vaughan, to oppose. Wm. P. Whitehouse, for the petitioners, assisted by Mayor Nash.

September 14, Alden Sprague & als., commenced an action against the city of Hallowell, to recover the sum of twenty-six dollars by virtue of an order given to them by O. W. Sims, on the city of Hallowell. Mr. Sims, afterwards having given a second order to a third party for the same money, claiming to have made a full settlement with them, thereby cancelling the first order. The only question is to whom does the money belong, and for that purpose this action is commenced.

In November, the S. S. Committee of Hallowell, requested my opinion, whether they had the right to place the city scholars in the Hallowell Classical and Scientific Academy, and if so, under whose

control are the city scholars. Whether under their control or under the control of the trustees of the Academy.

My answer was, that the S. S. Committee, had the right to place the scholars in the Academy, if directed so to do by the City Council, and were absolutely under the control of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. JACKSON, *City Solicitor*.

Hallowell, March 4, 1878.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the City Council :

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Police department for the year ending March 1, 1878.

I have made, during the year, 33 arrests for the following causes :

For Assault, 10 ; Adultery, 1 ; Drunkenness, 11 ; Larceny, 2 ; Selling Liquor, 2 ; Vagrancy, 3 ; Disturbing Peace, 2 ; Other causes, 2.

I take this opportunity to bear grateful tribute to the Police for the very efficient manner with which they have helped to maintain order and preserve the peace of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN YOUNG, *City Marshal*.

Hallowell, March 1, 1878.

REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

To the City Council :

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Mayor's warrants for highways and sidewalks,	\$300 000
“ from other sources, . . .	33 00
“ on Mayor's warrants for gravel, . . .	400 00
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	3433 00
Balance due,	37 40
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	3470 40

EXPENDITURES.

Paid various persons for labor on highways and sidewalks, . . .	\$2680 93
“ 163 days services self, . . .	407 50
“ for hauling gravel, as per account, . . .	381 97
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	3470 40
 I have expended on Sidewalks, about . . .	 \$600 00
“ “ Culverts, . . .	200 00
“ “ Snow bills of 1876-7, . . .	250 00
“ “ Highways, . . .	2038 43
“ “ for Gravel now on hand, . . .	381 97
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	3470 40

JOHN GRAVES, *Street Commissioner.*

Hallowell, Feb. 12, 1878.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the City Council :

I hereby submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1878.

June 16, 1877.— An alarm was sounded at 9 o'clock, P. M., caused by fire taking in the engine room at the Saw Mill, which was extinguished with small loss; fully insured.

July 13, 1877.— An alarm was sounded caused by the explosion of a lamp in the store of Wilson & Eugley, on Water street, which was extinguished without the engines. Loss about \$50, fully insured.

Aug. 15, 1877.— An alarm was sounded at 1-30 A. M., caused by fire being discovered in the house of Thomas Weeks, on Winthrop street. The engines were promptly on hand, but there being no water in the vicinity could do no good. Loss about \$2500; fully insured.

Aug. 31, 1877.— An alarm was sounded at 7 o'clock, P. M., which proved to be a false alarm.

Nov. 6, 1877.— An alarm was sounded at 6-30 P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the barn of John W. Dunn, at Loudon Hill. The engines were promptly on hand and did good service in saving the house connected with it. Loss about \$600; covered by insurance.

Jan. 3, 1878.— An alarm was sounded at 7-30 A. M., caused by fire being discovered in the house of Mrs. Z. Morton, on Winthrop street, caused by defect in chimney. Engines on hand as usual, and did good service. Loss about \$2,000; fully insured.

I would call the attention of the City Council to the very poor condition of the ladders belonging to the City, and would earnestly recommend an appropriation the ensuing year for the purpose of procuring a Hook and Ladder Carriage, and ladders suitable for the department.

CHAS. E. FULLER, *Chief Engineer.*

Hallowell, March 1, 1878.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIAL GROUND.

To the City Council:

The addition to our Cemetery has caused considerable of an outlay the past season. The Cemetery has been enlarged three or four acres, by taking in a part of the ground purchased of the Winthrop heirs, which caused the building of four hundred and fifty feet of new fence, and moving a part of the fence on the former north line. I have built one hundred feet on the road, the width of the Hopkins lot, it is built in a good substantial manner; have made into lots the remainder of the Couch ground, and have filled and lotted that purchased of Mrs. Hopkins; it had to be raised considerably so as to be sure of not finding standing water in the graves. The lots were well filled, the edges sodded, and will retain their shape, and should be sown with grass seed this spring. All I expended in the old part of the Cemetery, was for clearing the ground of leaves, trimming trees and cutting the grass. I have expended four hundred and sixty-four dollars for labor and materials, including twenty-five dollars for painting and varnishing both Hearses, and twenty-five dollars for lot returned. There are sixty-four lots ready for use, not sold; seven sold, not paid for. There was more lumber purchased than used, will be wanted on south line.

W. S. Hains, to Cemetery, Dr.

1877, Feb.	To cash in my hands,	.	.	\$129 00
" June,	" of Mary J. Meservey, for lot 316,			25 00
" "	" " J. D. Nutting,	"	341,	25 00
" Aug.	" " Abby F. White,	"	379,	25 00
" Oct.	" " J. W. Church,	"	366,	25 00
" Nov.	" " Henry A. Norcross,	"	394,	
	" "	"	395,	
	" "	"	396,	
	" "	"	397,	100 00
" "	" " Mary B. Snow,	"	393,	25 00
1878, Jan.	" " Charles T. Fuller,	"	350,	25 00
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				379 00
Expenditures in excess of Receipts,				185 00

WILLIAM S. HAINS, *Superintendent of Burial Ground.*

Hallowell, March 1, 1878.

REPORT OF THE UNDERTAKER.

To the City Council:—

The number of deaths from Feb. 26, 1877 to Feb. 20, 1878, are 55; males, 24, females, 31. Twenty-five have been carried to other places for interment, and the remains of twelve persons have been brought here for that purpose.

Of the persons deceased, 7 were under 1 year.

"	"	"	6	between	1	and	5	years.
"	"	"	4	"	5	"	10	"
"	"	"	1	"	10	"	15	"
"	"	"	4	"	15	"	20	"
"	"	"	5	"	20	"	30	"
"	"	"	4	"	30	"	40	"
"	"	"	2	"	40	"	50	"
"	"	"	7	"	50	"	60	"
"	"	"	4	"	60	"	70	"
"	"	"	8	"	70	"	80	"
"	"	"	3	"	80	"	90	"

55

DISEASES. — Consumption 14, lung fever 1, scarlet fever 2, gravel 1, suicide 1, paralysis 2, dropsy 1, child bed fever 1, drowned 2, typhoid fever 2, diphtheria 4, tumor 2, disease of kidneys 2, cholera infantum 1, apoplexy 1, dropsy on brain 1, pneumonia 1, heart disease 1, accidental 1, old age 2, unknown 13.

LIST OF PERSONS DECEASED IN HALLOWELL.

1877.	Date.	Names.	Ages.	Where buried.
Feb.	26,	Nancy Stantial, (widow of John,)	74	Hallowell.
March	7,	Eliz. E. Cram, (wife of Andrew L.,)	33	Freeport, Me.
"	25,	Joan. Anderson, (wife of Jas. W.,)	24	Augusta.
"	26,	Julia Etta Lord, (dau. Augustine K.,)	5	Hallowell.
April	6,	Wm. H. Morgan, (son of David,)	64	"
"	19,	Gustavus B. Crowell,	52	N. Vassalboro.
"	20,	Eliza Davenport, (dau. of Thomas,)	77	Hallowell.
"	26,	Cincinnati Cram, (dau. Andrew L.)	8	Freeport, Me.
May	7,	Jennie Peckham, (wife Rev. C. B.,)	36	Hallowell.
"	9,	Hattie A. Potter, (dau. of John,)	2	Gardiner.
"	16,	David Haynes, (son of Ayres,)	36	Danville, Me.
"	20,	—— Anderson, (inf. da. of J. W.,)	2m.	Augusta.
"	27,	Mary Ada Clark, (dau. John W.,)	23	Hallowell.
June	1,	Marcus Starrett,	20	Warren

1877.	Date.	Names.	Ages.	Where buried.
June	8,	Moses W. Richards, (son of Benj.,)	3	Vinalhaven.
"	29,	Geo. W. Perkins,	74	Hallowell.
		Edna Whiting, (dau. of George.,)	8	W. Waterville.
July	15,	David Haynes, (son of David,)	2	Danville.
July	15,	Joseph A. Sanborn,	63	E. Readfield.
"	21,	Lucy A. Henry, (dan. of Robert S.,)	22	Whitefield.
"	20,	Lovisa Kincaid, (widow of Hiram,)	52	Augusta.
"	28,	Wm. R. Ballard, (son of Wm. S.,)	31	Hallowell.
Aug.	17,	Eddy McLaughlin, (son of John,)	7	Augusta.
"	20,	—— Fales, (wife	65	Hallowell.
"	23,	John Lowell, (son of Abner,)	79	"
"	26,	—— McCaffrey, (dau. of John,)	1	Boston.
"	28,	John Church, (son of Charles,)	71	Hallowell.
"	31,	Bathsheba Bean, (widow of Josiah,)	88	"
Sept.	1,	Moses Jewett,	2m	Whitefield.
"	6,	—— Foss, (infant son of W. H.,)		
"	13,	Edith E. Strout, (wife of A. R.,)	16	Hallowell.
"	15,	Anna Quinn, (dau. of Michael,)	17	Augusta.
"	15,	S. Woodbridge, (w. of Capt. Chris'r,)	75	Newcastle.
"	16,	John S. Mudgett,	60	City Farm.
October	4,	Mabel R. Ballard, (dau. of Wm. R.,)	2	Hallowell.
"	3,	—— Whitney, (inf. da. of Alb't,)		"
"	19,	S. E. Tibbetts, (wid. Capt. Merrill,)	81	"
"	23,	Mary E. Handy, (wid. of Rob. G.,)	57	"
"	27,	Joseph F. Nason,	64	"
Nov.	13,	Amos Bancroft,	77	"
"	17,	Michael Quinn,	50	Augusta.
"	17,	Elsie W. Phillips, (wife of Chas. A.,)	27	Hallowell.
"	18,	S. C. Carpenter,	1	
"	22,	Clara Morse,	16	Hallowell.
"	24,	Bertie N. Cleaves,	15	"
Dec.	19,	Hattie B. Runnels, (dau. of Silas,)	2	Sidney.
"	21,	Eben Springer,	50	"
1878.				
Jan.	22,	Solomon Knight,	78	Gardiner.
Feb.	5,	Nellie L. Mooers, (da. of Warren H.,)	4	Hallowell.
"	5,	Jane A. Johnson, (wife Andrew L.,)	43	"
"	6,	Gertrude M. Neal, (dau. of Jas. C.,)	3m.	"
"	7,	J. Edwin Clarke, (son of John W.,)	11	"
"	15,	Dea. William Cole,	86	Waldoboro'.
"	19,	Joseph F. Russell,	55	Hallowell.
Feb.	4,	William Arnold,	35	Manchester.

Names of Persons brought to Hallowell for Interment.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ages.</i>	<i>Where from.</i>
1877, April 7,	Dr. Amos Nourse,	82 4 m.	Bath.
1876, Dec. 1,	T. J. Meservey, (son of Clement,)	47	Portsmouth.
1877,	William C. Blake, (son of Jacob,)	47	Waterville.
" May 26,	Virtue Carter, (wife of Hiram,)	66 3m.	Farmingdale.
" " 20,	Naomi Meader,		Manchester.
" Sept. 7,	Margarett Booker,	60	Whitefield.
" " 8,	Carrie Douglass,	36	Bath.
" " 8,	Alice Bean,	5 7m.	Taunton, Mass.
" " 10,	Lizzie Bean,	3 11m.	" "
" Oct.	Matterson,		Manchester.
" " 21,	Lau. E. Matterson,		"
" " 22,	Adelbert Matterson,		"

WILLIAM S. HAINS, *Undertaker.**Feb. 20, 1878.*

Financial Report of the Superintending School Committee.

To the City Council :

As " Financial agent of the Superintending School Committee," I herewith submit my annual report.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Hallowell Classical and Scientific Academy,	.	.	\$1200 00
" Salaries of teachers, Spring Term,	.	.	1091 00
" " " Fall Term,	.	.	1046 00
" " " Winter Term,	.	.	1046 00
" for Wood and Coal,	.	.	262 91
" " New Stoves, Hardware, &c.,	.	.	143 17
" " General Repairs,	.	.	106 45
" " Care of Rooms,	.	.	52 50
" " Cleaning "	.	.	34 00
" " C. L. Spaulding's bill, books and stationery,	.	.	23 95
" " School supplies,	.	.	18 57
" " Taking census of scholars,	.	.	12 00
" " Surveying wood,	.	.	1 50
" " Printing school reports,	.	.	6 00
" " New clock and repairs,	.	.	5 25
" " Lessons in Elocution,	.	.	16 00
" Salary of Supt. S. Com.	.	.	150 00
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			5215 30

Of the amount appropriated for support of schools, there

has been drawn on Mayor's warrants,	.	\$1600 00
" " " " "	.	1600 00
" " " " "	.	1000 00
" " " " "	.	1015 30
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		5215 30

Amount appropriated,	.	.	\$3500 00
Received from State,	.	.	2015 37
" " town of Farmingdale,	.	.	50 56
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			5565 93
Deduct amount expended,	.	.	5215 30
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			350 63

B. F. WARNER, *Sec'y and Agent.*

March 8, 1878.

REPORT OF CITY SCHOOLS.

To the City Council :

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit herewith their annual report of the Public Schools, of the city of Hallowell, for the Municipal year ending March, 1878.

The past year has been one of more than usual interest, and of considerable discussion on the part of educators and teachers, respecting the Public Schools and teachers of this State. There has been a marked interest on the part of many of our educators and teachers to keep pace with other States and places in the most advanced and best methods of conducting public schools, and teaching the young.

Much has been said about qualifications of teachers, and about many young people now teaching in our public schools, not being qualified to fill the position which they hold or have held during the past year.

To rectify this latter, a proposition was brought before the session of the State Legislature just closed, for a law providing in some way for a State Examination of teachers. The friends of this proposition failed in their effort, the matter being not fully understood, and it was finally referred to the next Legislature. When once our State learns that all the States in the U. S., have provided for some kind of a State or County examination of teachers, except five, and that Maine is one of those five, that all the territories without exception, have some such law; that the effect of such examinations is to raise the standard of our teachers, and therefore of our schools, we are sure Maine will not remain long one of those five.

Your committee used their influence for the passage of the proposed law, which came before the Legislature, for State examinations.

With respect to our city schools for the past year, we can see chance for improvement, yet we believe the school year has been one of progress, and that the scholars have met with a good degree of success. Our teachers do not flatter themselves that they cannot become even better teachers than they now are, and nearly all, without exception, manifested more or less interest in the school questions raised during the past winter.

The committee have spared no pains to give the teachers the benefit of anything which would become of practical use, or for the good of our schools. They have had the benefit of a course of instruction

in elocution. The system of phonetic spelling, &c., at the small expense of sixteen dollars.

The teachers in the Mass. schools and other States, have the advantage of many lectures, and much instruction of this kind furnished them, and then they carry the knowledge gained in this way into the schools, and the children are thereby benefited.

The lady giving our teachers this instruction, has been employed by the State during the past year, at the State Normal School at Farmington, and by various cities in this section of the State, for the benefit of their teachers and schools.

The schools have been frequently visited by your committee, and there have been regular examinations at the close of each term, conducted by teacher and at least one member of the school board.

Primary Schools. — These schools, although the lowest in grade, are by no means the least important.

It is often thought that most any person can teach a Primary school, but this is a mistake.

Here the child receives its first instruction, here education begins, and impressions are made which follow our youth through life, and if unskilled teachers are to be employed they had far better be found in the higher grades, than that of the Primary. With one exception, our Primary schools have had the services of the same teachers as last year. These teachers have been faithful in their work, and have given general satisfaction.

We are obliged to record the loss of Miss Allen, late teacher of the North Mann school, from our corps of teachers. She has been one of the long tried teachers in our schools, one of the most faithful and successful that we had. She left us about the middle of the winter term, to accept a position in one of the Augusta schools at a much advanced salary, and Miss Masters of this city was employed to complete the term. The school at this time is vacant.

Grammar Schools. — The North Grammar school has past through the year in its usual successful manner. Miss Gilman still remains the teacher.

South Grammar School. — For the past four years this school has had the services of a Normal school teacher, and a thorough scholar in the branches taught in this school. The teacher has been faithful and hardworking, and the scholars have gone from the school to the English High school well prepared, but her ill health for the past year, often going beyond her strength, has made it necessary for a por-

tion of the scholars attending this school to require a firmer hand to govern them. We have thought well for this reason to make a change in the teacher, at the beginning of next term. The school is now vacant.

English High School. — There has been no material change in this school for the year now closing, except that we entered upon the year with the grade raised from the year preceding, and the school now furnishes instruction for a good common school education without entering the Free High school. This has been one purpose of your committee in raising the grade. Under the instruction of Miss Lakeman, the school has enjoyed another year of practical work. Our higher grade schools are very free from that memorizing and text book theory, which is so often seen in schools. We do not claim perfection, far from it. We claim a high standard before us, and are constantly working to that end.

Rural Schools. — We have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Gilman, of this city, and for many years teacher in one of the Augusta schools, in the school at the quarry for the past two terms. It has been a pleasure to us to visit this school and witness her manner of conducting recitations. We hope she may remain as teacher of this school for the coming year.

One other rural school we have called the Laughton school. In this school for the past two years, five different teachers have been employed. The whole number of scholars registered during the last term, was twelve, the average for the term, nine. We cannot give any flattering report of this school, for the reason that the parents and others living in this locality have been in a constant quarrel and trouble among themselves, and have used the school and school teacher to quarrel over. When one portion of the district have been inclined to favor or be satisfied with the teacher, another portion have, at once, taken grounds against her. Your committee have entirely failed for the past two years, with the exception of one teacher, to make the school satisfactory to these conflicting factions among the few people living in this neighborhood. Parents have even visited the school to instruct the teacher how she shall and how she shall not govern and teach their children, and have presumed that they had charge of the school, instead of the school committee. Others have written the members of the school board anonymous letters, which have been received through the post office, ridiculous and insulting in themselves, and showing an ignorance which persons claiming the privilege and

right of directing schools and taking the charge of schools from the proper school officers, would do well to avoid showing.

We cannot finish this unsatisfactory report however, without saying, there are still other parents in this neighborhood that have tried, at all times, to make the school a success, and have kindly co-operated with the different teachers to this end.

Free High School. — This school has been carried on in connection with the Academy in this city, according to instructions received from you at the beginning of the year. Some questions have been raised during the year about the right by law, to place one of our public schools under the instruction of the teachers of this institution, but from a careful consideration of the Free High school law, there can be no *doubtful* question about your body having the right by law to instruct the S. S. Committee to make a contract with the trustees of the Hallowell Classical and Scientific Academy, for the education of our Free High school scholars. Your committee of themselves have not the power to place, even the scholars of this grade, within the limits of this Academy, except by your order, and then they must remain under the control of the school board, just as scholars of your other schools. There are advantages to be derived from having our Free High school scholars educated at this Academy, and there are still other advantages we should gain, if we had a new school building with capacity for four schools, the two Grammar schools, English High, and Free High schools, with a Master at the head.

We give below the report of this school, as furnished us by the Rev. Mr. Burr.

MR. BURR'S REPORT.

"To the School Committee, Hallowell, Me. :

"The number of pupils in attendance upon the High school during the past year, was fifty.

"The enrollment by terms has been, Spring, 33; Fall, 45; Winter, 37. The pupils are classified as follows :

Gentlemen,	22
Ladies,	28
In Classical Course,	12
" Seminary "	14
" Scientific, "	15
" Select studies,	9

"At the close of the year, there graduated from the school, two from the Seminary course, and one from the Classical, who is now in Bowdoin college.

"The present graduating class, number eight, four have taken the Classical course, two the Seminary course, and two the Scientific. The marked improvement of last year in regularity of attendance has continued. Very few have commenced their work and then dropped it after a few weeks. Some of the best work in the school has been done by your pupils.

"Thanking you for your helpful co-operation in my work,

"I remain very respectfully, yours,

"A. W. BURR."

The terms and length of schools have been the same as heretofore, three terms of eleven weeks each.

Repairs have been slight, with the exception of school building at Loudon Hill, which has been enlarged and now has a well arranged and commodious school room, with seats for about sixty scholars. The brick school building will require some general repairs the coming year, unless a new school building be erected to take its place. We cannot urge too strongly the need of such new school building to take the place of this now tumbling down structure, and the building occupied by the south Grammar school. Your city demands it, if you desire your school buildings, in any way, to speak of public spirit and interest in common school education. The age and condition of these two school buildings demand it. The children of your city demand it, and especially in reference to the south Grammar school building, as was said in our report of last year, "if we regard the health of our children." We recommend an appropriation for schools as large at least, as last year. The financial report will be found in its appropriate place, as given by Mr. Warner.

Before closing our report, we call your attention to the children of our city, working in the Cotton Mill, without attending school any part of the year, in violation of school law. The law provides that children under twelve years of age must attend school four months in the year, and those over twelve and under fifteen years of age, three months in the year.

The Superintendent of the Cotton Mill, states to your committee that he prefers to employ children, and it has always been his custom heretofore, that attend the public schools the required length of time. He will co-operate with the school board for the coming year, in regulating this evil. We append a roll of honor and statistical table.

H. SAWYER,	} <i>Superintending</i>
B. F. WARNER,	
W. A. NEWCOMBE,	
	<i>School</i>
	<i>Committee.</i>

ROLL OF HONOR.



ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

Lizzie Campbell, Augusta White, Millard Bailey.

NORTH GRAMMAR.

Etta Kean, Annie Barter, Lilla Getchell, Annie Hovey,
Edith Parlin, Lena Story, Mark Day, George Sylvester,
Frankie Talpy, Harry Whipple.

SOUTH GRAMMAR.

Annie Storin, Elmer Weeks, Charles Stearns,
Charles Jones, Arthur Hall, Charles Brann.

PAGE SCHOOL.

Greenville Bussell, Bertie Bussell, Frank Wingate, Arthur Sylvester.

NORTH MANN.

Imogene Parlin, H. Melvin Parlin, Frank Hartshorn.

SOUTH MANN.

Lizzie Parks, Nellie White, Annie Kittridge, Frank Kittridge.

WARREN SCHOOL.

Mattie Lord, Harvey Getchell, Willis Libby.

VAUGHAN.

Minnie Stevens, John Burns, Charlie Austin, Benjamin Potter.



TERMS OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXPIRE.

B. F. WARNER, MARCH, 1878.

W. A. NEWCOMBE, MARCH, 1879.

H. SAWYER, MARCH, 1880.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

SCHOOLS.	Teachers.	FIRST TERM—ELEVEN WEEKS.			Teachers.	SECOND TERM—ELEVEN WEEKS.			Teachers.	THIRD TERM—ELEVEN WEEKS.			Whole number of different scholars during the year.	Whole number of scholars not absent during the year.
		No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	Not absent.		No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	Not absent.		No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	Not absent.		
Free High School, . .	Attended Clas'l Sch.	33	31		Attended Clas'l Sch.	45	43		Attended Clas'l Sch.	37	35		50	
English High School, .	Annie M. Lakeman,	27	26	4	Annie M. Lakeman,	42	41	18	Annie M. Lakeman,	43	42	9	63	3
North Grammar School,	Nellie P. Gilman,	51	49	11	Nellie P. Gilman,	57	54	27	Nellie P. Gilman,	58	55	20	82	10
South Grammar School.	Mary E. Winslow,	44	41	9	Mary E. Winslow,	52	50	20	Mary E. Winslow,	52	48	19	67	6
PRIMARY SCHOOLS.														
Page school-house, . .	R. P. Talpey.	62	58	16	R. P. Talpey,	58	53	14	R. P. Talpey,	44	44	11	73	4
Mann " north room,	Clara W. Allen,	46	41	6	Clara W. Allen,	35	30	8	*Clara W. Allen,	45	32	7	63	3
" south room,	Georgia E. Norris,	46	44	13	Georgia E. Norris,	41	39	16	Georgia E. Norris,	40	39	16	54	4
Warren " 	Mattie F. Snow,	49	47	19	Mattie F. Snow,	38	36	13	Mattie F. Snow,	36	33	6	56	3
Vaughan school-house, .	M. A. Hopkins,	70	60		M. A. Hopkins,	56	53		M. A. Hopkins,	49	45		80	4
Loudon Hill school-house,	Della F. Dudley,	53	50	10	Della F. Dudley,	59	56	3	Della F. Dudley,	41	37	2	59	
Laughton " 	F. A. Johnson,	24	14		F. A. Johnson,	15	13		F. A. Sawyer,	12	9	3	24	
Atherton " 	F. E. Cunningham,	38	36	1	S. L. Gilman,	40	33		S. L. Gilman,	35	34	1	43	
		543	497	89			538	501	119			492	453	94
* Miss Allen taught 4 weeks, and then Miss Masters was employed to complete the term.														

CITY GOVERNMENT—1878.

MAYOR.

GEORGE S. FULLER.

CITY CLERK.

A. H. DAVIS.

ALDERMEN.

WARD 1, — C. A. COLE.

“ 2, — G. C. McCAUSLAND.

“ 3, — J. H. LOWELL.

“ 4, — C. E. FULLER.

“ 5, — E. P. NORTON, JR.

COMMON COUNCIL.

S. B. GLAZIER, PRESIDENT.

Ward 1.

JOHN D. HODGDON,
J. W. BUSSELL,

Ward 2.

B. D. WOOD,
MAJOR GOODWIN,

Ward 3.

LEON'D C. JONES,
E. M. WHITCOMB,

Ward 4.

S. B. GLAZIER,
J. W. FULLER,

Ward 5.

HENRY HORN,
B. F. FULLER.

JOHN S. SNOW, *Clerk.*

JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

AUSTIN D. KNIGHT.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

ON HIGHWAYS.

Alderman Norton, and Messrs. Whitcomb and Wood.

ON CLAIMS.

Alderman Lowell, and Messrs. Hodgdon and B. F. Fuller.

ON FINANCE.

Alderman ~~C. E. Fuller~~, and Messrs. ~~C. E.~~ Glazier and J. W. Fuller.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

ON CITY PROPERTY.

Alderman McCausland, and Messrs. Jones and Bussell.

ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Cole, and Messrs. Goodwin and Horn.

WARD OFFICERS.

WARD ONE.

William Bates, *Warden*. Geo. W. Choate, jr., *Clerk*.
John Young, *Constable*.

WARD TWO.

C. H. Richards, *Warden*. W. C. Fuller, *Clerk*.
W. J. Morgridge, *Constable*.

WARD THREE.

Mark Johnson, *Warden*. Thomas Hovey, *Clerk*.
W. E. Hains, *Constable*.

WARD FOUR.

Thomas Perkins, *Warden*. F. L. Johnson, *Clerk*.
T. M. Clark, *Constable*.

WARD FIVE.

Jona. Kempton, *Warden*. Charles Carter, *Clerk*.
Ezekiel Blake, *Constable*.

CITY OFFICERS.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

James H. Leigh.

CITY SOLICITOR.

F. H. Jackson.

ASSESSORS.

Ariel Wall, O. Currier, C. E. Parlin.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

John Graves, A. D. Niles, J. H. Lowell.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

B. F. Warner, Hudson Sawyer, W. A. Newcombe.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

John Graves.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

C. E. Fuller, *Chief Engineer.*

H. P. Getchell, *Second Engineer.*

J. W. Fuller, *Third Engineer.*

J. D. Hodgdon, H. L. Grindell, D. H. Johnson, D. B. Lowe, W. A. Winter, *Assistant Engineers.*

CITY PHYSICIAN.

J. D. Nutting.

CITY MARSHAL.

John Young.

POUND KEEPER.

John Young.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Stephen Lord, Wm. A. Leighton, Benj. D. Wood.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

C. B. Johnson, Albert Winter, Geo. S. Fuller, F. H. Weymouth, G. C. McCausland, D. F. Page, J. Kempton.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

Jona. Kempton, M. Tuck, G. W. Choate, jr., C. B. Johnson, Geo. S. Fuller, Thos. Hovey, F. A. A. Heath, H. W. Lynn, W. A. Winter, F. H. Weymouth.

SURVEYORS OF STONE.

D. F. Page, M. Johnson, C. H. Clary, John S. Snow, Geo. F. Bodwell.

WEIGHERS OF ICE.

John S. Snow, Benj. G. Page.

CITY WEAIGHER.

A. D. Niles.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

F. A. A. Heath.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIAL GROUND AND UNDERTAKER.

~~REMOVED~~